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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" In view of the fact that poultry is one of the chief subsidiary industries for agriculturists, will Government consider the question of making it a major proposition ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member should not assign arguments. "

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of opening poultry demonstration centres at each one of the districts ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" In reply to the hon. Member's question, I will refer him to the answer given in clause (c)."

Avocation pursued by the ex students of the Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba.

* 1812 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many have passed out so far from the Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba ;

(b) how many of these have taken to farming their own lands and how the others are employed ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to employ these men as assistants to Agricultural Demonstrators or to utilize their services for any other work ?

A.—(a) Sixty.

(b) Twenty-one are engaged in farming, two are on the plantations and nine are employed as teachers under local boards and other non-official agencies. No information is available regarding the rest.

(c) The object of the school is to train the sons of farmers who would go back to their lands and carry out thereon the improved methods of agriculture learnt at the school. It was never intended that these men should join Government service and the Director has in consonance with the avowed purpose of the school, been rejecting all suggestions for appointing them. Further, the students who pass out of the school do not come from classes who would accept the posts of demonstration maistris.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I ask whether a sufficient number of young men are seeking admission to this school at Taliparamba ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not know, Sir."

Fisheries

Cost of bringing the trawler in charge of Captain Cribb from Bombay to Calicut.

* 1813 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the trawler in charge of Captain Cribb was brought to Calicut from Bombay in November last ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the value of fish caught and the amount of expenditure involved in bringing the trawler to Calicut and its working on the seas ?

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A.—(*a*) The trawler which had been sent to Bombay for inspection by the Royal Indian Marine Dockyard in connexion with the preparation of estimates for certain improvements and alterations returned to Tuticorin on 5th November 1928. She went to Colombo to take coal and thence proceeded to Calicut for commencing her fishing cruises. She was engaged in deep-sea fishing from 17th November 1928 to 4th December 1928.

(*b*) The sale-proceeds of fish caught during this period amounted to Rs. 162–15–0. A quantity of approximately eight tons of fish was thrown overboard, as they had become soft on account of long exposure and as, in several hauls, the fishes caught were very small which could not be salted owing to want of sufficient room in the trawler. The amount of expenditure involved in bringing the vessel from Colombo to Calicut is Rs. 494–7–0. The cost of working of the trawler for the period she was engaged in fishing was Rs. 3,090–12–0.

Police

Alleged arrest of Babu Manoranjan Gupta.

*1813 *Q*—Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Babu Monoranjan Gupta (Bengal) was arrested at Bezwada on 11th instant without any warrant;

(*b*) if so, (1) the time of arrest; (2) by whom he was arrested; (3) under whose instructions; and (4) under what section;

(*c*) whether he had come on insurance business on behalf of the Bengal Insurance Company;

(*d*) whether he was undertaking any political activities in this Presidency and if so, what were his political activities; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that he was suffering from fever and cough at the time of his arrest and whether the Government propose to take any steps to expedite the trial?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) He was arrested on the 12th March at Bezwada. The Government have called for information on the other points in the question.

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to say when he will get the information and whether he expects to furnish the information before the Council closes this session?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The information I had in possession on the 16th when the question came to me is supplied here and we have called for information on the other points. As for the other suggestion, it will be considered."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU:—"Will the hon. Member find out for how long a time he was kept under remand even though he was prepared to offer bail?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The question will be considered."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"Under what section was he arrested?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have no information."